

FOREIGN LANGUAGE (FL) REQUIREMENTS IN WISCONSIN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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Institution	Admission Requirement	Advanced Placement Given Through: AP CLEP		Departmental Examination for Credit or Placement	High School Courses Satisfying Requirements Without Examination	Graduation Requirement	Innovative Courses or Programs
UW-Eau Claire	2 high school units of one FL	Yes	Yes International Baccalaureate accepted for German, Spanish, French	Yes	No	University-Wide Requirement: 2 semesters of a foreign language or its equivalent OR 9 credits of courses identified with international content OR study abroad; However, BA degree requires 2 semesters of one FL (or equivalent).	Proficiency through testing.
UW-Green Bay	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	International Studies (Certificate) - 5 semesters (19 credits); Information and Computing Science - 8 credits or equivalent; Linguistics and ESL Certificate - 16 credits or equivalent; Social Change & Development - 16 credits (recommended).	Study abroad/exchange programs in Germany, Spain, Mexico, France. Cyber Cafés for language students. Teaching internships in local schools. International business internships. Film studies, business language courses and other interdisciplinary connections to language study.
UW-La Crosse	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	16 semester credits (202 level) required for BA.	Overseas study. Honors program.

UW-Madison	2 high school years of one FL	Yes	No	Yes	No To meet the university graduation requirement students must take the UW system placement test in French, German, or Spanish (or departmental equivalent in other languages), OR another approved test (AP, CLEP, SAT II with listening, IB), OR complete college-level FL courses at the appropriate level.	College of Letters and Science BA degree requires 4 semesters in one language (or equivalent 4 th year high school course) OR 3 semesters in one language plus 2 semesters of another language (or equivalent 3 rd and 2 nd year high school courses); College of Letters and Science BS degree requires 3 semesters in one language; College of Business BBA degree requires 3 years of a single high school FL OR 3 college semesters; FL credit may satisfy humanities requirements in Engineering or Family Resources and Consumer Science.	The Disabilities Curricular Substitutions Committee of the College of Letters and Science can approve a substitution for the FL requirement for students with certain disabilities that make it impossible to learn a FL. Extensive and very specific documentation is required from students and learning disability specialists.
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UW-Milwaukee	No (FL units are not required for admission to UWM. However, completion of at least 2 units of a single FL in high school is strongly recommended).	Yes	No	Yes; Beginning Spring 2002, require FL placement exam of all students with more than 2 years of high school FL study to continue study of that FL	Yes Graduation requirement satisfied by completion of 2 years of one FL in high school.	Graduation requirement for Bachelor's degree from UWM is completion of 2 years of one FL in high school, OR 2 semesters of college-level study in one FL, OR demonstrating FL proficiency equivalent to this requirement via an approved examination	FL undergraduate course offerings in 14 languages; business and language course offerings; International Studies major; Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies. UW-Milwaukee sponsors study abroad programs in 20 countries.
UW-Oshkosh	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	14 semester credits required for BA degree.	Special classes in Spanish for dyslexic students in cooperation with Project Success. Study abroad programs in Mexico, Spain, France, and Canada.

UW-Parkside	No	Credit, not place- ment	No	UW System Placement exam required for retro credits or classes beyond 1st semester	Yes	One year of college-level language. Can be satisfied by 2 years of high school FL with a C+ or better average in the last year taken.	New 3rd year Spanish for Native Speakers; work with International Studies program; new French Studies and German Studies majors; working with UW-Milwaukee to provide distance education.
UW-Platteville	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Graduation requirement satisfied by completion of 2 years of one FL in high school.	One-year (2 semester) graduation requirement which can be satisfied by completing a 2-year course in one FL at the high school level.	Native speakers of certain languages, including Native American languages, through testing, may satisfy the one-year graduation requirement effective in 1994.
UW-River Falls	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	BA degree: 6-14 credits of FL, depending on plan chosen; BS degree: 0-6 credits of FL, depending on plan chosen; General Education: 3 credits is an option.	Semester abroad program: directed independent research in Europe.

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UW-Stevens Point	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	BA degree: 8-credit requirement; BS degree: 0-credit requirement; BM/BFA degrees require 8 credits (one-year) FL OR 7 credits mathematics; May test out of FL requirement; International Studies Major and Minor; International Resource Management Minor: one FL course beyond second year.	Study abroad programs in France, Germany, and Spain. Dormitory "Language Wing" with native assistants.
UW-Stout	No	Yes	Yes	Optional	No	Hospitality and Tourism-2 credits; Applied Mathematics (Actuarial Science Concentration)-4 credits.	Have instituted 2-credit courses in "Practical" Spanish, French, and German, with strong oral emphasis. Credit by exam available in wide variety of languages.
UW-Superior	No	No	No	No	No	For BA degree students must complete 14 semester credits (four semesters) of one FL; this may be reduced on the basis of previous language training	Study abroad programs.
UW-Whitewater	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes for BA requirement; no for others.	BA requires 2 years high school OR completion of 2nd semester university level or higher. International Studies major requires 16 credits FL for graduation; General Business-International major requires 16 credits FL for graduation.	One year of foreign study at a non-English speaking institution will satisfy International Studies requirement.
UW-Colleges: Two-Year Campuses (all 13)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Use UW System Placement Exam)	No	No graduation requirement in the Colleges (2-year campuses) -- only those of the transferring institutions (4-year Baccalaureates).	Selected courses to be offered via compressed video and asynchronous web courses beginning fall 1998. Six semesters of language coursework offered at some UW colleges.

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Alverno College	No	No	No	Yes	No	International Business major requires FL for graduation; Global Studies minor accepts, but does not require, FL for graduation.	Two-credit courses in French, German, Italian, and Japanese, with strong oral emphasis. Students may complete language coursework through study abroad in an approved program. Short course study/travel abroad programs are available each semester.
Beloit College	No	Yes	No	No	No	Comparative Literature and International Relations majors require 2 literature courses in the FL; European Studies minor requires one FL course above the intermediate level.	
Cardinal Stritch University	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	BA degree requires 6 credits (2 semesters); BFA degree requires 6 credits (2 semesters).	Students may complete the language requirement through study abroad in an approved program or through an internship abroad when approved in advance by the FL Department. Students may complete 2 semesters of German, Latin, or Greek through a cooperative program in FLs with Concordia University.
Carroll College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Various BA degree majors require 16 credits (4 semesters) of FL. Can be satisfied by passing fourth-semester course or one numbered higher. Retro credit can be given for high school coursework, and this reduces the number of on-campus courses needed to be taken for graduation.	Study abroad programs in Costa Rica, France, and Germany. Students may satisfy FL requirement by taking NYU Proficiency Exam.
Carthage College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	As a graduation requirement, students must complete 2 semesters of a FL. They can earn up to 12 retroactive credits according to the results of the placement exam.	For students professionally diagnosed with learning disabilities which affect FL acquisition, we accept course credits in alternative areas. Study abroad in Mexico, France, Spain, and Germany.

Concordia University- Wisconsin	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Humanities majors require 3 credits in FL.	Study abroad programs; student teaching can be done in foreign country.
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Edgewood College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, for credit	Yes, but with a minimum grade of C or better in high school.	8 semester credits required for a BS degree; 16 semester credits required for a BA degree.	Students who have learned another language (e.g., by living in the country) make arrangements with the FL Dept. for an examination in that language in order to satisfy the requirement. Also Study Abroad programs in Mexico and France.
Lakeland College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	A total of 8 semester credits FL or math required, depending upon degree program.	
Lawrence University	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Every Lawrence University graduate will have taken an intermediate or advanced-level FL course (Intermediate equals third term of study).	Non-native speakers of English may satisfy the FL requirement by taking an advanced English course numbered 22 or above.
Marian College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	12 semester credits required for a BA degree.	Two language "Modern Languages" major. Language Immersion Program abroad, and semester in Spain.
Marquette University	No	Yes	No	No	No	College of Arts & Sciences requires 0-14 credits (depending on prior proficiency); College of Business Administration, International Business Major, recommends a minor; College of Communication and the program in Speech Pathology & Audiology requires 0-8 credits (depending on prior proficiency).	May pass a competency placement questionnaire administered by FL department or receive certification of competency by established authority. Study abroad programs in Spain, Mexico, and France.
Mount Mary College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Mount Senario College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Students can satisfy the requirements by demonstrating proficiency by completing an upper level course with a B.
Northland College	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	

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Ripon College	No	Yes	No	No	No	College-wide requirement: third semester proficiency; therefore, 3-12 semester credits depending on prior study; Global studies major requires fifth semester competency and one semester of study abroad in an approved program.	Non-native speakers of English may be exempt. Students with diagnosed learning disabilities may substitute other approved courses. Offering Business French & Spanish courses; Classical Greek and Latin; study programs in Guadeloupe, Germany, and Spain
St. Norbert College	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	International Studies major requires 16-semester credits FL; International Business & Language Area Studies major requires 20-28 semester credits; Both majors also require study abroad.	
Silver Lake College	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Viterbo College	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	14 semester credits FL required for BA.	Students can satisfy the requirements by demonstrating proficiency as assessed by departmental exam, or through IBP score of 5 or above.
Wisconsin Lutheran College	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes Graduation requirements satisfied by 3 consecutive years of one FL in high school.	Successful completion of college semester 3 of any one FL required for BA degree. Successful completion of college semester 2 of any one FL required for BS or BBA degrees.	Sign language is treated as a FL with the same number of semesters required as if it were a FL.